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## Wednesday's Update





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This weekly electronic newsletter is designed to keep you current on California Water Plan news. We welcome comments, suggestions and any news tips that may be of interest to water planners.

Water Plan workshops to coincide with January's regional forums The development of *California Water Plan Update 2013* will include workshops on planning for an uncertain water future in the Central Valley. The workshops will coincide with the regional forums to be held on Jan. 17, 18 and 20. The workshops will help shape regional strategies that will be included in the Water Plan. The links to details and materials for the workshops are available here.

Agenda set for next month's Tulare Lake Regional Forum The <u>agenda</u> has been posted for next month's Tulare Lake Regional Forum on Tuesday, Jan. 17. Information for the San Joaquin Regional Forum on Jan. 18, and for the Sacramento River Regional Forum on Jan. 20, will be posted here when available.

Draft report quantifies public benefits of water storage projects

A <u>draft report</u> on quantifying the public benefits of water storage projects has been posted on the California Water Commission (CWC) website. The areas of benefit include ecosystem improvement, water quality, flood control, emergency response and recreation. The draft will be discussed during a <u>CWC meeting</u> on Wednesday, Jan. 18, in Sacramento. Public comments are being accepted by <u>email</u>.

Ocean Protection Council seeking comments on draft strategic plan

The Ocean Protection Council has released a revised draft of its <u>strategic plan</u>. This version will be open to public comment through Monday, Jan. 16. The plan is intended to pro-



vide vision and proposed actions for dealing with the challenges facing California's coastal communities and the ecosystems surrounding them. Instructions on submitting comments are available in this <u>memo</u>.

DSC newsletter highlights Delta stressors, water diversion monitoring An article on identifying the wide variety of stressors in the Delta is included in this month's edition of the Delta Stewardship Council (DSC) <u>newsletter</u>. It explains how the DSC is turning to experts to help prioritize the problems. Other articles look at plans to monitor water diversions from the Delta and a schedule of hearings on the draft environmental impact report for the Delta Plan.

Canadian project offers example of shared vision planning at work A Canadian project is providing an example on the benefits of integrated water management approaches. The results of the <u>Bow River Project</u> also show how shared vision planning can be put into practice. The Bow River flows through Alberta, providing water for 1.5 million people and 600,000 acres of agriculture.

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